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SUBJECT: ARAB BOYCOTT LANGUAGE: TITLE I PL 480

REF: (A) AMMAN 1504, (B) STATE 18022

1. USDA/W DOES NOT RPT NOT ROUTINELY REVIEW ALL COMMERCIAL DOCUMENTS IMPLEMENTING TITLE I PROGRAM. RATHER THAN EXPAND WASHINGTON REVIEW OF DOCUMENTS, WHICH GENERALLY TAKES PLACE ONLY AFTER TRANSACTIONS COMPLETED, WE SEEK TO FORESTALL USE OF ARAB BOYCOTT LANGUAGE IN TITLE I DOCUMENTATION. U.S. EMBASSIES IN OTHER AFFECTED COUNTRIES APPEAR TO HAVE WORKED OUT ARRANGEMENTS WITH HOST GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AT APPROPRIATELY HIGH LEVELS THAT ARAB BOYCOTT LANGUAGE BE
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AVOIDED AT ANY STAGE OF TITLE I PL 480 TRANSACTIONS (COM-

MODITY PURCHASING, BOOKING OF VESSELS, LETTERS OF CREDIT, ETC.)

2. REF (B) OUTLINES UNACCEPTABLE ARAB BOYCOTT LANGUAGE AND MAY PROVIDE HELPFUL BACKGROUND FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH GOJ OFFICIALS. IF SPECIFIC EXAMPLE NEEDED OF LANGUAGE TO BE EXCLUDED, WE CALL YOUR ATTENTION TO THE LETTER OF CREDIT OPENED BY CENTRAL BANK OF JORDAN UNDER PURCHASE AUTHORIZATION JO-5013 WHICH STATES: "THE BENEFICIARIES SHOULD CERTIFY IN THE PRESENTED INVOICE THAT THEY ARE NOT LISTED IN THE ARAB BOYCOTT OF ISRAEL BLACKLIST." THIS LANGUAGE HAS CREATED CONCERN ON PART OF PRIVATE COMMODITY SUPPLIERS WHO DO NOT RPT NOT WISH TO MAKE SUCH A CERTIFICATION, BUT MUST DO SO TO RECEIVE PAYMENT. SUPPLIERS ARE PROTESTING TO USDA RE GOJ REQUIREMENT FOR USE OF THIS LANGUAGE.

3. WE ASSUME THAT BOYCOTT DECISIONS, INCLUDING THOSE RELATING TO HANDLING PL 480 TRANSACTIONS, WILL BE MADE BY RELATIVELY SENIOR GOJ OFFICIALS IN AMMAN. ACCORDINGLY, WE BELIEVE IT BEST FOR EMBASSY TO MAKE APPROACH SEEKING UNDERSTANDING THAT BOYCOTT CONDITIONS WILL NOT BE PLACED IN ANY STAGE OF PL 480 TRANSACTION PER PARA 1. WE ASSUME THAT JORDANIAN EMBASSY AND AGENTS HANDLING PL 480 TRANSACTIONS IN U.S. WILL BE GUIDED BY INSTRUCTIONS FROM AMMAN IN CARRYING OUT ANY UNDERSTANDING REACHED BY EMBASSY WITH GOJ OFFICIALS IN AMMAN.

4. PLEASE ADVISE SOONEST RE OUTCOME OF DISCUSSIONS. KISSINGER

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